

ARE Pact 2021 – *Path B FAQs*

Q: If I only have a few exams left, is it worth it for me to enroll in the program?

A: This is totally up to you. Perhaps the program is exactly what you need to motivate and pass those last 1, 2, or 3 tests. However, you will be expected to follow the schedule with the rest of the participants. Therefore, it may not make sense if your remaining exams are Building Systems and/or Building Design and Construction Systems, since those are the last two exams in our scheduled program. Participants who have already passed 1-6 exams would have the option to act as a mentor/tutor to the people in their group who still need to pass.

Q: What if I only have 2 exams left to take? Do I still need to put down the \$1,000 enrollment fee? If so, what if I pass my remaining exams in 2 months—when will I receive my refund?

A: Yes, no matter how many exams you have left to take, you will still need to pay the \$1,000 enrollment fee. That being said, as soon as you pass your remaining qualifying exams, we will refund your money upon receipt of your test verification forms.

Q: What if I don't take all the exams within 24 months?

A: If you do not take all required exams before the program deadline, you will receive a portion of your \$1,000 enrollment fee equivalent to the percentage of the qualifying exams that you did pass during that period. The whole point of the program is to motivate you, so we will be very strict about this policy. Exceptions can be made for medical or family emergencies.

Q: How do I prove that I have taken an exam?

A: When you sign up for the tests, the exam administrator will provide you with documentation that you have taken the exam. NCARB will send you an exam report. All you'll need to do is copy or scan this form and send it to us.

Q: What if I can't get a test scheduled in time for the 3/31/23 deadline?

A: Exams can be scheduled 6 months out. Participants can schedule at the last minute (2 business days in advance) for their exams, however, you risk not being able to get a space if the testing center is already full. In other words, there really is no excuse for not scheduling your tests in a timely manner. In addition, the schedule allows for two extra months at the end of the program for those who encounter scheduling conflicts. As long as your last exam receipt has the date 3/31/2023 or earlier, you will get your deposit back. You will have to wait until we receive your documentation, however, before we mail you your check.
